

The Farm to Table program celebrated its first delivery in January when staff at Chicken Soup Brigade/Lifelong Aids Alliance took delivery of 50 pounds of freshly harvested leeks from [21 Acres Farm](#) in Woodinville. The [Chicken Soup Brigade](#) provides home delivered meals and grocery bags to older adults and people living with HIV/AIDS and other life challenging illnesses. PSFN posted this great news on their blog (<http://psfn.org/blog/>), and the February issue of [HSD Lifelines](#) will include a mention of this early success.

We held two full partner meetings since the last report (11/30/10 and 1/11/11), and several partners also attended the CPPW Coalition meeting on 1/25. Partner meetings are well attended by the partners and discussions are productive. As everyone is now in full swing, we have been focusing our meeting time on brief updates from each of the partners and soliciting feedback and ideas on areas where we need assistance.

As we reported in our last quarterly report, dedicating staff time to Farm to Table for interviews, assessments, and meetings continues to be a challenge for senior meal program providers. Staff transitions at CCS and CSB have placed an additional burden on staff with already very full workloads. In spite of these challenges, Shoko Kumagai with WSDA was able to complete preliminary assessments with each of our three senior meal provider partners before the end of 2010. She is now working on scheduling the full assessments. For Senior Services and CCS, this will include visiting several of the meal sites in addition to the central kitchen facilities.

Other Updates

- The January 2011 issue of *Lifelines* included a brief mention of the Farm to Table project in an update on both CPPW and Let's Move. In addition to the February "success story" piece mentioned above, we plan to run a childcare focused article in the March issue.
- PSFN developed a marketing flyer to share with farmers in an effort to recruit them to participate in Farm to Table. Our goal is to develop one of these for policy makers, funders and the general public and one for child care, senior meal and other institutional meal providers.
- The staff hired by WSDA, PSFN and CCS to work on Farm to Table have been outstanding in terms of their communication, effort and enthusiasm.
- In December, a sub-group of partners met to determine the best approach for bringing childcare providers on board with Farm to Table given their enthusiasm and the limited resources available. The plan is to bring interested childcare providers together for a meeting in March and conduct a modified self-assessment which WSDA will develop. WSDA and PSFN will use the information from this tool to determine what small steps providers can take to implement elements of Farm to Table. We will also compile a toolkit of available resources (e.g., recipe database, cooking tip, training) for use by the childcare sites.